



# TREES & SHRUBS

## Small Deciduous Trees

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### Quick Facts...

Small trees provide colorful flowers, fruit and foliage.

Use small trees as a screen for privacy.

Consider available space and soil adaptability when selecting small trees.

If space allows, several kinds of small trees provide variation in foliage texture, flowers and showy fruit.

Make sure the water requirements of the tree match the conditions at your site.

### Selection and Planting

Examine the proposed site before planting trees. Allow adequate width to keep walkways, entryways, driveways or buildings clear of overhanging branches. Many small trees, although short, can spread as much laterally as vertically.

**Soil.** Prepare soil before planting. Loosen it several feet in all directions from the spot you wish to plant. If the soil is heavy clay and hard to work, add aged manure or compost, and work it into the soil at least 12 inches deep. See fact sheet 7.417, *How to Plant Trees and Shrubs*.

**Color and texture.** For variety, plant several kinds of trees if space allows. Through careful selection, you can have flowers, colorful and interesting fruits, and varied foliage texture and fall colors.

**Water.** Match the plant with the moisture conditions of the site. Low-moisture trees planted in an irrigated lawn grow too rank. On the other hand, trees that require moderate to heavy moisture do poorly in areas where little or no supplemental water can be applied.

### Recommended Trees

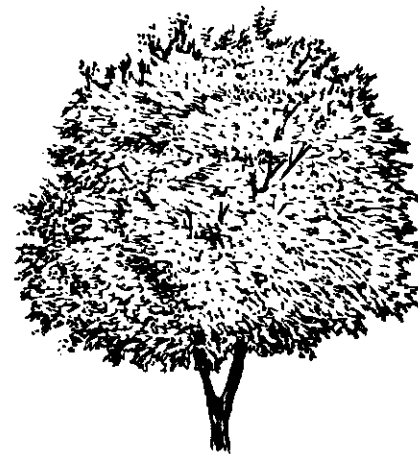
Table 1 includes small trees, some shrub-like, that are useful for privacy screening as well as adding interesting foliage textures and fall colors. Most can be used beneath power lines with little or no need for pruning to maintain clearance. The key to symbols used in the table is given below.

#### Growth rate:

- f = fast
- m = moderate
- s = slow

#### Soil moisture:

- L = low-water needs; can withstand drought.
- M = moderate water needs; normal lawn watering.
- H = heavy water needs; more than normal lawn watering.



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